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**Sector 31-A, Dakshin Marg, Chandigarh-160030**

No. FST/Land/Parivesh/11/2020

Dated 23-11-2020

Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for non-forest use of 680.1 ha (instead of 1100 ha) of forest land in favour of M/S JKSPDC for construction of Ujh Multipurpose Hydro Electric Project in District Kathua State Jammu and Kashmir (Online proposal No. FP/JK/HYD/44025/2020)- Reg.

Ref:- Regional Office MoEF & CC Chandigarh File No. 8-9/2020-FC dated 27-07-2020.

Sir,

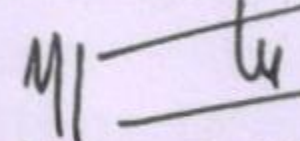
In response to the above mentioned letter, the point-wise reply to the observations as submitted by the Nodal Officer, FCA, J&K(O/o of PCCF(HoFF)) are given as under:-

<b>Sr.No.</b>	<b>Observation by the MoEF &amp; CC</b>	<b>Action taken</b>
1.	As per the land use plan it is not known if approach road is already available or will be constructed fresh for developmental work during construction and maintenance phase. The detail in this regard may kindly be provided.	The User Agency confirmed that there is no need to construct any additional approach road. The existing road is adequate for the proposed development works.
2.	It is observed that the total forest area sought for non-forest use is 1100 ha as per details submitted on PARIVESH portal (Part-I) whereas the final recommendation is for 680 ha. This discrepancy is need proper clarification and subsequent updation on PARIVESH portal.	The User Agency confirmed that the actual forest area needed for the project is only 680 ha for Phase-I of the project. The same has been uploaded on PARIVESH portal.
3.	Details about CA area shall be provided with clarity. The user agency is a State Department. The compensatory afforestation shall be proposed over non forest land area. The complete details (like-CA scheme, Suitability Certificate, SOI map and DGPS maps etc.) of non-forest land shall be uploaded on PARIVESH portal.	Non-forest land has been identified by the user agency for C.A. proposal and the Forest Department has prepared the CA proposal and the same has been now uploaded.



4.	SOI Map on 1:50,000 scale and DGPS map of the forest land proposed to be diverted be provided/Uploaded.	The User Agency has uploaded the map.
5.	<b>The following mandatory undertakings be provided/uploaded on PARIVESH:</b>	
a.	Undertaking for payment of cost of Compensatory Afforestation (CA)	Done by the User Agency
b.	Undertaking for payment of Net Present Value (NPV) of forest area	Done by the User Agency
c.	Undertaking for payment of Addl amount of Net Present Value (NPV) of forest area	Done by the User Agency
d.	Undertaking for submitting the FRA certificate	Done by the User Agency
vi.	The DFO Kathua has reported that the Aerial distance of the Jasrota Wildlife Sanctuary is 700 m to 800 m from the proposed area. Comments/NOC of Chief Wildlife Warden be provided	Wildlife (Protection) Department has processed the proposal for wildlife clearance
vii.	Approved CAT plan may be uploaded on PARIVESH portal	Approved CAT Plan has been uploaded by the User Agency.
viii.	Area figures of proposed forest land and non forest land in the project area shall be provided correctly and with clarity. KML files with detailed land use in the project may be provided for proper analysis.	The needful has been done by the user agency
ix.	Cost Benefit Analysis shall be provided as per the FCA guidelines, issued on 28-03-2019.	The needful has been done by the user agency
x.	Muck disposal plan shall be provided/uploaded on PARIVESH portal	Muck disposal plan has been prepared by the User Agency. It does not involve forest land.

Yours faithfully

  
23/11/2016  
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